

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented): A radiation detecting cassette comprising:
a solid state radiation detector for detecting radiation bearing image information and outputting an image signal representing a radiation image;
a control means for controlling the operations of the solid state radiation detector;
a cassette main body having a case for housing the solid state radiation detector and the control means; and
a handheld portable operating portion for outputting command signals to the control means for operating the solid state radiation detector, formed as a separate unit from the cassette main body,
wherein the handheld portable operating portion is used in a handheld manner.

2. (original): A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim 1, wherein:
the operating portion further comprises a display portion for displaying the contents of the command signals.

3. (original): A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim 2, wherein:

the operating portion further comprises an information receiving means for receiving information output from the cassette main body; and

the display portion displays the information received by the information receiving means.

4. (original): A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim 3, wherein:

the information receiving means receives information representing an operating state of the solid state radiation detector; and

the display portion displays the operating state of the solid state radiation detector.

5. (original): A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim 3, wherein:

the information receiving means receives the image signal output from the solid state radiation detector; and

the display portion displays an image based on the image signal.

6. (original): A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim 4, wherein:

the information receiving means receives the image signal output from the solid state radiation detector; and

the display portion displays an image based on the image signal.

7. (original): A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim 1, wherein:

the operating portion is removably attachable to the case.

8. (original): A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim 2, wherein:
the operating portion is removably attachable to the case.

9. (original): A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim 3, wherein:
the operating portion is removably attachable to the case.

10. (original): A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim 4, wherein:
the operating portion is removably attachable to the case.

11. (original): A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim 5, wherein:
the operating portion is removably attachable to the case.

12. (original): A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim 6, wherein:
the operating portion is removably attachable to the case.

13. (previously presented): A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim 1,
wherein said command signals comprise:

at least one piece of information relating to readying the solid state radiation detector to
record a radiation image; and
information relating to readying the solid state radiation detector to read out a radiation
image therefrom.

14. (previously presented): A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim 1, wherein said command signals comprise:

at least one piece of information relating to administering image gradation processes on an image signal output from the solid state radiation detector main body;

information relating to administering image frequency emphasis processes on an image signal output from the solid state radiation detector main body;

information relating to administering image density standardizing processes on an image signal output from the solid state radiation detector main body;

information relating to administering image contrast standardizing processes on an image signal output from the solid state radiation detector main body;

information relating to administering image noise suppressing processes on an image signal output from the solid state radiation detector main body;

information relating to administering image grid pattern removing processes on an image signal output from the solid state radiation detector main body;

information relating to administering image blackening processes for areas outside of an irradiated field on an image signal output from the solid state radiation detector main body;

information relating to administering image energy subtraction processes on an image signal output from the solid state radiation detector main body; and

information relating to administering image time-lapse subtraction processes on an image signal output from the solid state radiation detector main body.

15. (previously presented): A radiation detecting cassette comprising:
a solid state radiation detector which detects radiation-bearing image information;
a controller which controls the solid state radiation detector;
a cassette main body having a case which houses the solid state radiation detector and the controller; and

a handheld portable operating portion which outputs command signals to the controller,
wherein said command signals operate the solid state radiation detector,
wherein said handheld portable operating portion is disposed separately from the cassette main body, and
wherein the handheld portable operating portion is used in a handheld manner.

16. (previously presented): The radiation detecting cassette of claim 15, wherein the solid state radiation detector outputs an image signal representing a radiation image.

17. (previously presented): The cassette of claim 1, wherein the handheld portable operating portion outputs command signals to the solid state detector for radiation image recording to the detector.

18. (previously presented): A radiation detecting cassette comprising:

a solid state radiation detector for detecting radiation bearing image information and outputting an image signal representing a radiation image;

a control means for controlling the operations of the solid state radiation detector;

a cassette main body having a case for housing the solid state radiation detector and the control means; and

a handheld portable operating portion for outputting command signals to the control means for operating the solid state radiation detector, formed as a separate unit from the cassette main body,

wherein the handheld portable operating portion is used in a handheld manner, and

wherein the handheld portable operating portion is precluded from outputting command signals during a period of time from reception of data indicating performance of one of a recording operation and a readout operation to data indicating that the one of the recording operation and the readout operation is complete.

19. (previously presented): A radiation detecting cassette comprising:

a solid state radiation detector which detects radiation-bearing image information;

a controller which controls the solid state radiation detector;

a cassette main body having a case which houses the solid state radiation detector and the controller; and

a handheld portable operating portion which outputs command signals to the controller, wherein said command signals operate the solid state radiation detector,

wherein said handheld portable operating portion is disposed separately from the cassette main body,

wherein the handheld portable operating portion is used in a handheld manner, and

wherein the handheld portable operating portion is precluded from outputting command signals during a period of time from reception of data indicating performance of one of a recording operation and a readout operation to data indicating that the one of the recording operation and the readout operation is complete.

20. (new): The cassette of claim 1, wherein the handheld portable operating portion fits within an operator's hand.

21. (new): The radiation detecting cassette of claim 15, wherein the handheld portable operating portion fits within an operator's hand.

22. (new): The radiation detecting cassette of claim 18, wherein the handheld portable operating portion fits within an operator's hand.

23. (new): The radiation detecting cassette of claim 19, wherein the handheld portable operating portion fits within an operator's hand.